

S/N 10/014,842

PATENT

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the amendments above and the following remarks. Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1-9 have been amended. No new matter has been inserted. Support for the feature of "interesterified coconut oil" can be found in claim 1 and in the specification at least at Example 1, pages 8-9.

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Kaimal et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In the advisory action, the Examiner states that the omega-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids taught in Kaimal are not limited to linoleic acid. The Examiner further states that other omega-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids are known to be present in many vegetable oils in Kaimal.

Applicants point out that the claims incorporate the feature "interesterified coconut oil." Accordingly, Kaimal's disclosure of omega-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids with respect to other vegetable oils is inapplicable. Applicants assert that Kaimal does not disclose or suggest interesterified coconut oil comprising at least 45.5 mol % of omega 6 polyunsaturated fatty acids as required by claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated or suggested by Kaimal. As claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1, they are also not anticipated or suggested.

Applicants assert the claims are in condition for allowance. Removal of all rejections and early notice of allowable claims is requested.

S/N 10/014,842

PATENT

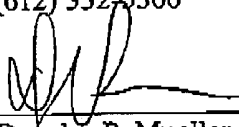
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for clarification of any of these remarks or amendments, or to otherwise speed prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

Dated: August 4, 2004

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Douglas P. Mueller  
Reg. No. 30,300

**23552**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

DPM:MED:kf